[Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai.]

(*b*) whether lands encroached upon by non-Travancoreans have been similarly dealt with?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) Yes. The lands were leased on Kuthagapattom for 1110.

(*b*) Non-Travancoreans who made encroachments in the Pallivasal pakuthi were also evicted.

Tragic death of a Nayar woman in Manjoor karai.

52. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai**: With reference to the tragic death recently of a Nayar woman at Manjoor karai, Kuruppamtara, in Ettumanoor, alleged to have been caused by some Christians a few months ago, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the culprits have been arrested;

(*b*) when the Commissioner of Police went to the spot; and

(*c*) what are the steps taken by the authorities so far to bring the offenders to book?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: (*a*) Five out of six accused have been arrested.

(*b*) 4-1-1935.

(*c*) A thorough investigation culminating in a charge sheet.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: With reference to part (*b*), may I know whether it is a fact that the father of the woman died after the day the Commissioner went to the spot?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Yes.

Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai: May I know whether the Commissioner got the statement of the old man?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: I examined the old man but I did not record a statement.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know how many persons were arrested in connection with this case?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Six.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether the F. I. R. was prepared in this case?

Mr. E. P. Varghese: On a point of order. Can a matter under sub-judice be brought in for discussion?

President: Yes, the details should not be asked.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: From the answer given by the Police Commissioner I think my question is in order.

President: But I do not find scope for that from the answer supplied by the Commissioner of Police.

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Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: May I know whether all the persons implicated in the F. I. R. have been arrested?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar: Yes.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai: Am I to understand then that only six persons were implicated?

Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar Yes, so far as I know.

G. O. prohibiting registry of lands in Devicolam.

53. ***Mr. N. K. Padmanabha Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a G. O. was issued in 1096, prohibiting further registry of lands in Devicolam for cardamom cultivation; and

(*b*) whether, when members representing Devicolam urged in the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly that the G. O. be cancelled, the Dewan-President was repeatedly pleased to announce that the lands were reserved for Travancoreans and that the G. O. would be cancelled when Devicolam became accessible to Travancoreans by the opening of the Neriamangalam-Pallivasal road?

Mr. K. George: (*a*) A G. O. was issued in 1096 prohibiting further registry in Devicolam for cardamom cultivation.

(*b*) In the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, the Dewan announced thus:

"I take it that your representation raised three points. The first point is the registry of lands within the Cardamom Reserve. As regards that, I might say that Government passed the order reserving that land for the benefit of the people of the State and the question of relaxing the strictness of that rule is being considered by Government" (*vide* Proceedings of the 27th Session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly, page 26).

Scarcity of drinking water in Perumpavur.

54. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is scarcity of drinking water in the summer season in the town of Perumpavur;

(*b*) whether there are public wells in Perumpavur town;

(*c*) if so, their number and location;

(*d*) whether the wells (if any) existing are able to meet the demand for water for drinking purposes in the summer season for the inhabitants; and

(*e*) whether there will be water in the well in the campshed at Perumpavur during the major part of the summer season?

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